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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Gladisha Echevarria charging that in June and July of 2006, she made copies of legitimate checks she handled as a teller at First Penn Bank in Philadelphia, and copied customers' account information such as account numbers, names and addresses, and provided the check copies and account information to people who did not work at the bank so that they could use them to obtain counterfeit and unauthorized checks. The fraudulent checks were then cashed at branches of First Penn Bank and Commerce Bank throughout the Philadelphia region. Through these methods, Echevarria and the members of this scheme stole and attempted to steal a total of over \$30,000 from First Penn Bank and Commerce Bank.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Gladisha Echevarria	Philadelphia PA	26 years old

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of a mandatory two years in prison, up to 47 years in prison, five years of supervised release, a \$3,750,000 fine, a \$900 special assessment, and full restitution.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nancy E. Potts.

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